

We aspire to be beacons of God's love and truth ...

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown Inquirer's Class via Zoom

Session 1: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Session 2: Saturday, March 6, 2021 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Session 3: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session 1: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- 1. Gathering, Welcome, Prayer
- 2. Introductions: Who are you, where do you live, what do you do between Sundays, what brought you to FPC Moorestown, and what's your favorite ice cream?
- 3. Devotional: Way of the Week #12: "Own Our Church" Presentation on the Ways of FPC Moorestown
- 4. Question for Group Sharing (from My Faith Story Handout): Describe the spiritual background of your childhood: did your family attend church; and did you participate in Sunday school, choir, or youth fellowship?
- 5. How do I become a member of First Presbyterian Church?
 - The Book of Order says . . .3 ways to become a member: Affirmation of Faith, Letter of Transfer, Re-Affirmation of Faith
 - Writing a Statement of Faith (see handout)
- 6. Closing Prayer and Sending Blessing

Session 2: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30

- 1. Gathering, Welcome, Prayer
- 2. Devotional and Way of the Week
- 3. Introductions and Question for Group Sharing (from my Faith Story Handout): What are your impressions of the Church (that is, the churches you've been a part of, including First Presbyterian Church)? What do you like about the church? What do you wish could be different or better about the church?
- 4. Three Vows of Membership with 3 corresponding questions from God. (The bulk of Saturday is a careful study of these questions)
 - A) Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? *Q: Will you trust me with your life? Yes, or no?*
 - Question for Group Sharing: (from My Faith Story Handout): *Knowing that Jesus Christ died for my sins means to me* . . .

- B) Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word and show his love? *Q: Will you try to walk my love, my word, and my character to someone else? Yes, or no?*
- C) Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? *Q:* Will you entrust yourself to be a part of my family? Yes, or no?
- 5. Question for Sharing (From My Faith Story Handout): As I consider becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, one of my spiritual dreams or goals is . . .
- 6. A Very Brief Survey of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
- 7. Sending, Blessing

Session 3: Sunday, March 7, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- 1. Welcome, Way of the Week Prayer
- 2. Sharing

New Members: Would you tell us . . .

- Name, where you live, what you do between Sundays
- What brought you to FPCM?
- Read your statement of faith, how will you be joining, and share a spiritual dream that you have.

Session Members: Would you tell us . . .

- Name, where you live, what you do between Sundays
- What do you do here at FPCM on Session; and what else to you do here (mission activities, Bible studies, retreats)
- What's one thing you are grateful for about this congregation?
- To the New Members: "You should really try this _____!"
- 3. Vote by the Session to receive our New Members
- 4. Closing Prayer